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Monday, December 6

St Pauls Parish House
2430 K Street, N.W.
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All are welcome

David Hall—Ward Two Representative to Board of Education

WHEN David Hall won election as Ward Two's representative to the Board of Education last year, he was unknown to many people in Foggy Bottom. Since that time he has been part of the working majority which has strongly supported Florence MacKenzie, Supervisor of the D.C. Public Schools. Calmness and reasonableness have been David Hall's benchmarks while serving on the Board.

Foggy Bottom has always shown a strong interest in our public schools although until

recently our perspective has been from the standpoint of good citizens rather than as active participants. However, this perspective is rapidly changing due to the increase of children in the neighborhood. What is the progress of our public schools? Where are they going? Why should we be concerned? These and other questions will be highlighted by the next FBA guest speaker, as we welcome David Hall to the first of what we hope will be many visits to our neighborhood.

Whitehurst Freeway Reconstruction—Status

by Jenny Brake

In June 1982, the District of Columbia Department of Transportation (DOT) invited our ANC to select a representative to serve on a steering committee studying the environmental impact and traffic operations of the Whitehurst Freeway. The ANC appointed me, while the FBA appointed Lucille Duprat.

This committee meets monthly and is charged with assisting DOT in its evaluation of alternative proposals for modifying the freeway systems in the Whitehurst Freeway corridor. The group is made up of citizens representing those neighborhoods affected by the Freeway—Georgetown, West End, Foggy Bottom, Foxhall, Palisades and Wisconsin Ave. National Park Service, Georgetown University, DOT and DeLeuw Cather (the engineering consultants to DOT).

Our first meeting was held on June 23 when preliminary goals and objectives were discussed, and we were provided the first measure of the difficult task facing us. DOT stated then, and has at subsequent meetings reiterated, that our function would be to design a freeway system that would achieve community support, be cost-effective while improving the existing systems, discourage growth in traffic and minimize neighborhood traffic.

At our next meeting we were presented with at least 21 proposals or alternatives to the Freeway system. For our benefit the proposals were divided into three parts—the general alignment (freeway), the west-end connection (Georgetown exits) and the east-end connection (Foggy Bottom exits). Since then, we have gone through a process of elimination (for various reasons such as cost, engineering problems, increase in traffic, lack of community support, etc.) of a combination of about 16 proposals and are left with four proposals. The first three we believe will be acceptable to the neighborhood and achieve the above-stated goals. These proposals include combinations of rehabilitating the present structure or rebuilding an elevated Freeway to building a parkway at ground level.

The east-end connection, which affects us, has been and continues to be our greatest concern. What we do here marks the last opportunity to improve the Whitehurst Freeway for the next 40 to 50 years. Out of the original seven east-end connection proposals, our alternatives have been narrowed to four options (the options, which are not all mutually exclusive, all automatically include trees, sidewalks, flowers, etc.):

1) basically an "as is" alternative, removing unused ramps, changing the alignment of the existing 26/L Sts. ramp onto the Freeway and opening up land for added park space, recreational activity or other uses supported by the community; or

2) removing unused ramps and shortening existing ramps; or

3) removing all ramps and bridges and introducing a ground level intersection at 27th St.; or

4) moving the Freeway south and linking it to the E St. Expressway, favored by the Park Service. This option, however, would require demolition of the three houses at 27th and I, so we oppose this alternative.

We are also examining improvements in traffic lights, greater physical separation between vehicles and pedestrians, and safer pedestrian access from Foggy Bottom to Georgetown.

The various communities have been most supportive to Foggy Bottom. Their representatives have stated that the east-end connection is entirely up to the Foggy Bottom representatives and that they will accept whatever alternative we choose.

In an effort to arrive finally

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CRIMEWATCH

by Bob Alcorn

Those of you who attended the Foggy Bottom Association meeting on the 25th of October heard the police tell us that street crime in the Foggy Bottom area has gone way down. This is due, I know, in great part to the diligence of the local citizenry who have greatly supported the Neighborhood Watch in its efforts to keep crime down, by reporting crimes that are committed and suspicious persons in the neighborhood. I should also like to thank all those people who turned on their outside lights when we had problems with the street lighting and all those people who called and worked untiringly with Pepco to turn them back on. Your awareness of the problems and your efforts have made the neighborhood safer for the

rest of us to live in.

I would like to devote this column to a discussion of one of my serious concerns and one which continues despite the need for security precautions. It involves many of our local residents who apparently have no care for or interest in the safety of their fellow residents. I speak of the residents of our high rise apartment houses, rental, condo, or co-op. I have heard from a number of resident managers over the past few weeks, that no matter how tight the security, how many notices they send out, how much they talk at meetings, they still have problems with residents admitting persons not known to them into the buildings. There is a seemingly chronic habit of leaving doors open for their

own purposes. Admittedly, this does not happen in all buildings but there is enough of a trend to devote time to talking about it.

A common problem has to do with the back door. Several building managers have found their back doors propped open repeatedly. In two cases, a resident opened it then went to get her car in order to unload it near the back door, thus leaving the open door unwatched for several minutes. During that time the Grand Army could have entered the building, if it so wished. I wonder if the resident realized what jeopardy she exposed herself and her neighbors to. That particular building has had several robberies. It was only after the rear door was

converted to a fire door, with no outside lock, that the robberies ceased.

CRIME FLASH: A couple of weeks ago, a young, female Foggy Bottom resident was mugged on the 2500 block of Eye Street while she was walking home from work. The incident occurred at about 1 a.m. in the morning. As she was walking down 25th Street, she noticed a car driving slowly down the street next to her. When she turned onto Eye Street, the car did the same, and suddenly two youths, one armed with a knife, jumped out of the car, grabbed her around the neck, and stole her pocketbook. Fortunately for her, they ran off without doing her any physical harm. She had the

presence of mind to call the police immediately from the police callbox on the corner of 25th and Eye Streets. A police car arrived quickly, the officers took her description, caught the youths, and returned her purse. She has decided to prosecute the offenders, especially since these same boys are wanted for similar crimes.

Her experience has two lessons for all of us: First, our streets are not safe for individuals walking alone, especially late at night, and, second, we must call the police as quickly as possible after such incidents, to allow them the best possible chance of apprehending these criminals.

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Letter to the Editor

The Editor
Foggy Bottom News
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From Sherry Towers/Michelle Towers
Tenants Association
2117 E Street/2116 F Street
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Subject: Letter of Appreciation for Sustained Selfless Civic Actions of Mr. Stephen A. Levy, Chairman, Foggy Bottom/West End Advisory Neighborhood Commission, ANC-2A

This is to express and place on record the unanimous, deeply felt appreciation for the sustained, selfless and most effective civic actions during the past three years of Mr. Stephen A. Levy, Chairman and Commissioner, Foggy Bottom/West End Advisory Neighborhood Commission, ANC-2A, on behalf of the permanent residents of Sherry Towers and Michelle Towers, as well as on behalf of the public interest in protecting, within the overall City Plan, the ambience and status of Foggy Bottom as a residential neighborhood.

Specifically, we would like to commend Mr. Levy's ceaseless support and personal actions in protecting citizens' communal interests by:

1. Arranging through his good offices in November 1979 for Community Legal Services to accept, in addition to their already heavy work load, responsibility for representing the tenants of Sherry and Michelle Towers (most of whom are senior citizens and longtime Washington, D.C. residents) in a protracted case presented before the D.C. Rental Accommodations Office;

2. Personally pleading since March 1979 at various hearings before the D.C. Board of Zoning Adjustment (BZA) the matter of retaining/preserving the residential status of Foggy Bottom

property which otherwise would have been converted to hotel use. Mr. Levy's appearance and professional representation before the BZA neutralized the adverse efforts of a group of specialist attorneys, and earned him the public praise of the board's senior Legal Member;

3. In addition to and in connection with the work above, Mr. Levy has steadfastly during the past three years spent time and personal effort to insure, or at least seek, enforcement of pertinent housing and zoning regulations. Mr. Levy's respected stature with City officials has resulted in prompt initiation of investigative action by these officials who are already carrying a heavy case load.

We wish to make these observations for the record in realization of the fact that Mr. Levy's selfless, extensive, and effective efforts on this matter were exerted graciously in addition to the many other already time consuming civic projects which Mr. Levy has almost single-handedly initiated and brought to fruition; e.g. preservation of certain neighborhood buildings, as well as the recent excellent landmark survey.

We commend his communal civic-minded actions to be held up as an example to all other commissioners and ANCs in this municipality and trust this letter of appreciation will be brought to the attention of the City Council as well. Or, as they used to say in the Old Country: MAY HE LIVE TO BE 120!

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The Residential Parking Program; Foggy Bottom Playground for "Soggy Bottom" tots; Neighborhood Crime-watch Program; Historic Preservation; the FBA's efforts in all zoning matters which may adversely affect the residential character of the neighborhood and our involvement with DOT on the rehabilitation of the Whitehurst Freeway are only a few examples of its service to the community.

In addition, the FBA publishes a monthly newspaper, THE FOGGY BOTTOM NEWS, which is distributed to the community free of charge. We hold monthly meetings on the last Monday of each month, usually at St. Paul's Church on K Street.

To continue our progress toward making Foggy Bottom an even better neighborhood, we ask your help. We need more creative minds, willing hands

and moral support. You can show your support through your membership. Dues are \$5.00 per person annually. If you are already a member and have not yet renewed your membership, we hope you will take this opportunity to do so as we need your continued support.

For those of you who are new to the neighborhood, we particularly urge you to join our association, attend our meetings and become better acquainted with our neighbors and neighborhood.

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A Festive Oktoberjazzfest

by Marti Edmondson



By all accounts, the Oktoberjazzfest, sponsored by the Foggy Bottom Association and held on October 23 above the Foggy Bottom metro station, was a great success. Unlike its predecessor, the Oktoberfest of 1981, this year's festival was blessed with good weather, a fine location, and excellent turnout. According to *Dan Haslam*, the chief organizer of the program and an FBA member, the main purpose of the Oktoberjazzfest was to give the neighborhood a chance to get together and have a good time.

And that's exactly what happened. From 2 to 5 p.m. the area was packed with people who came to eat, drink, and dance to the wonderful music of the Pontchartrain Causeway New Orleans Jazz Band. Speaking of dancing, some of our oldest and youngest Foggy Bottom residents turned out to be the best toe-tappers in town. *James (Jimmy) Molinelli*, who turned 81 years old that very day, started things off. He was soon fol-

lowed by some very rhythmically inclined members of Soggy Bottom Babies—those old enough to stand up on their own two feet, that is!

There was plenty of food and drink to take away the chill of that sunny but brisk day: Irish coffee, hot mulled cider, and fresh-baked gingerbread provided by the 925 25th Street Tenants' Association; baked beans and cake from the FBA's sister association, the West End Citizens' Association; hot dogs and beer, wine and soft drinks from the FBA; and a variety of homemade chilis and sangria from Soggy Bottom Babies.

In addition to the festivities taking place at the metro mall, several people joined up with Dan Haslam, who led a walking tour of the historical section of western Foggy Bottom. Dan hopes to see more such tours take place as the colorful history of Foggy Bottom becomes increasingly documented.

An event such as the Oktoberjazzfest requires a great

deal of work, and many individuals deserve hearty thanks for devoting so much of their time to make the Oktoberjazzfest a success. In future years, the FBA hopes to see more and more residents become involved in what is now an annual event.

Special thanks must certainly go to The George Washington University, which allowed the event to take place on the Eye Street Mall. Throughout the planning stage, the University's Public Relations Office worked in close cooperation with Dan Haslam. The University even installed electric plugs on the mall's lamp-posts especially for the festival. On the day itself, the university provided us with one of their own security men. GWU deserves our appreciation for its neighborliness.

Finally a very special thank you goes to Dan Haslam who spent many hours in organizing the affair. Because of his efforts, the Oktoberjazzfest provided us all with an afternoon of fine entertainment.



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MINUTES OF SPECIAL ANC MEETING 10/12/82

Alley closings: Mr. Lane of BNA Washington produced new information concerning the two requested alley closings affecting the southern half of Square 24. This information indicated that one of the alleys was private and therefore not subject to City Council or ANC purview. On the basis of this information and on the assurance that the development of the alleys would be controlled, the ANC unanimously adopted a resolution withdrawing opposition to the alley closings, on the condition that certain stipulations were entered into in the form of a covenant with the City.

Zoning Commission case 82-5: Amendments were made to the earlier ANC position on this case which concerns off-street parking and loading regulations.



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Bat Punch and Wee Goblins

Where were the children of Foggy Bottom on Halloween night? They were at a delightful party with their parents, who decided on a Halloween alternative this year. Thanks to the generosity of the Latham's, who offered their home as the party site, we parents, in costume, of course, were feasting on the leftover Oktoberjazzfest Texas Chili and Soggy Bottom Sangria which had magically fermented into potent, but smooth Bat Punch.

The Edmondsons, who had to present their green cards before being admitted to the party, were very convincingly dressed as Turkomans. Their son, **Sam**, came as Harlequin. The Cahill-Zelinka's came as a theme family. **Bill** and **Debbie** were Bat Man and Wonder Woman and **William** was Superman. **Susan Davenport** and **William** dressed as characters out of Alice in Wonderland. Susan's husband, **Jeremy Drew**, dressed as himself—a Yorkshire man! **Maureen Holscher** was a clown and **Dirck** a 60's prom-goer. Their son **Carl** was dressed as a cowboy. **Charles Rainey** was another of the cowboys present. His mother, **Purita**, made a beautiful Geisha girl while **David** was dressed as an Arab sheik, sunglasses and all. **Ernest Latham** was a Greek in a Ronald Reagan mask (there must be some symbolism in that). **Karen** was a Greek "Vampire" and their daughter **Charlotte**, who began the party as the monster from Wolfen quickly changed her image to that of a stripper. Charlotte's brother **Ernest** was a very charming E.T. **Anne Marie Morawski** and her sons **Adam** and **Martin** were precious as the three kittens. We all missed **Misha** who was busy with the Pittsburgh Ballet, but, we were happy to welcome another family to the neighborhood, the Camps and their son, **Charles**.

Next year, perhaps, we will feel more comfortable about letting our children go trick-or-treating, and you will all get to enjoy the antics of the children of Foggy Bottom. In the meantime, here are some pictures. Any parents wishing information on the Soggy Bottom Babysitting Cooperative and play groups should call **Marti Edmondson**, 338-4813.



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FROM THE BOTTOM UP

Honestly! There are always a few malcontents. For years and years the "park," if it could be called a park, on 26th Street was nothing but a haven for bums and winos and on its best days, a dog run. Now year-round spring time has come to 26th Street. No, I'm not talking about Xoysia grass. Children, wonderful, giggling children. You know, those young innocents who see wonder in airplanes flying overhead, or in the fact that fall leaves crunch when you walk through them, or even in running through the tall grass without mommies or daddies chasing after them and ordering them to stop before they get to the street.

Twenty-sixth Street has come to life. The first sign of the playground-to-be was a fence, an ordinary, functional, playground fence, but that was enough. The joy that the children of Foggy Bottom expressed at the sight of a fence where they could run without being chased by their parents was incredible.

By the time you read this, there will be playground equipment inside the fence. That playground equipment is only there because of the hard work of the parents of Foggy Bottom and the encouragement given them by their 400 neighbors who signed a petition in support of a Foggy Bottom Playground. All of those involved deserve congratulations. Finally someone didn't just *talk* about getting something done but actually went

out and *did* it. So when you begin to feel the winter doldrums, get a breath of spring-time. Come down to the playground and share the joy of the children, their happiness is contagious.

The Bus Ban situation is not, believe it or not, without some humor. Have you ever seen one of the tour bus operators mistakenly pull up in front of the River Inn? It is a sight to behold. The bus operator is normally confused and happy to have finally reached his destination after having to figure out where in this obviously residential neighborhood a hotel could possibly be located (which is of course exactly why buses *must* be banned in our neighborhood) and suddenly out darts the doorman from the River Inn to shoo the bus away, down to K Street.

Meanwhile, the tour group members have hoisted up their suitcases, from where they were resting at the curb, in anticipation of boarding their bus. Just as suddenly, the bus pulls away. The tourists begin to run after the bus, cameras swinging. The bus driver sees them coming and decides that he better stop. So stop he does, in the middle of the street right in front of 925 25th Street. The tourists thinking that salvation is near, slow their pace now believing that the bus driver realized his error. All of a sudden the doorman from the River Inn is at the head of the pack. He darts out and tells the driver to

move off, around the corner. So off goes the bus again, and off go the tourists again, trying to keep in dead heat with the bus. All of this has become more complicated because the participants don't all speak the same language. Finally, the bus turns right on K Street and the pack moves in pursuit. Surely the tourists find the finish line for the River Inn Foot Race just around the corner, in front of Saint Paul's.

While all of this is going on, the traffic on 25th Street has necessarily been maneuvered into a configuration that best resembles 14th Street on a Saturday night. Half of the cars have been directed towards the left or right hand curb in an effort to circumnavigate the bus, and the other half, having given up on the notion of getting to work on time, are slowly cruising down the center of the street behind the bus. The drivers of cars trying to exit Snows' or Queen Anne's Court, are throwing up their hands in frustration. The taxi drivers who hang out in front of the River Inn are the best sight of all. They are trying to go over the top of all the other cars in order to make a U turn before 25th street becomes one-way in order to jockey into a good position to pick up fares from the River Inn. All of this confusion is just too much for Puck; I take the Metro to work. I also contribute to the bus ban. Do you?

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Bus Ban: Dan Haslam briefly brought the Commissioners up to date on progress in closing out this case.

Commissioner Resignation: Ed Terry resigned his office as Commissioner for SMD 07, effective October 6. He cited a full-time study and work load as reasons for vacating the ANC. A replacement will be sought with appropriate publicity in the GWU student newspaper, the Hatchet, and through contacts with student groups. The only registered voters in this SMD appear to be students in Thurston and Mitchell Halls.

Economic: The Safeway Headquarters confirmed to Commissioner Geoffrey Stamm that they intended to close their Townhouse Food Store at Columbia Plaza in mid-November. Tenants at Columbia Plaza expressed dismay but at this time were not planning to actively oppose the closing. Commissioner Stamm was reassured by Safeway officials that they planned to continue their present operations at the Watergate. However, as noted by Commissioner Stamm, the lease at the Watergate expires next year.

Gallinger Playground: After extensive discussion about the status of Gallinger playground, a resolution was offered by Commissioner Terry (seconded by Commissioner Levy) authorizing the Chair to continue negotiating an acceptable use agreement with the Department of Recreation for the ANC to adopt and coordinate/control use of Gallinger playground.

Housing: The Rental Accommodations Office will rehear the case involving tenants at 925—25th Street and the apartment's owner on November 1. Tenants are alleging a number of apartment units were illegally converted to hotel use.

Joint Committee on Landmarks: Commissioner Levy introduced a resolution (J-5), which passed, urging Mayor Barry to fill the current vacant seats on the Joint Committee of Landmarks as soon as possible. Commissioner Levy stated that failure to reach quorums was causing a backlog of work and interfering with the expeditious hearing of applications.

Public Comments: A citizen expressed outrage at the proposed medical clinic at 2106 F Street and asked what the ANC was doing about this neighborhood intrusion. Commissioner Levy expressed a similar concern but stated that relief from this problem lay with Zoning Commission and other City organizers' possible actions on an extensive series of existing ANC2a complaints. He also noted similar intrusions were occurring on New Hampshire Avenue and at 2100 F and that an attempt was currently underway to prevent that clinic.

Transportation: Commissioner Molinelli complained that Saturday payment for use of parking meters was inappropriate in residential portions of our neighborhood. The ANC passed a resolution requesting Tom Downs, Director of DOT, to look into a

possible change.

Whitehurst Freeway: Jenny Brake, ANC representative to this study, reiterated in her report that the neighborhood is still opposed to the reconnection of the 900 and 1000 blocks of 25th and 26th Streets as well as ramping access to 26th and L Streets. The next meeting is October 20, 7:30 p.m. at Council of Government Offices at 1875 I Street, N.W.

Zoning: BZA 13852: George Washington University is renewing its parking space on Square 103 (F Street, 21st Street, G Street, 20th Street) before the BZA. The ANC took no position on this case, as Ken Brooks of GWU confirmed that there was to be no discussion of the controversial support building proposed for that site. Chairman Levy will inform the BZA that we have taken no position on the parking lot use proposed in the application.

2.C.82-5: Office of Planning and Development has submitted to the Zoning Commission revisions in the rules and regulations concerning parking and loading requirements for all residential and commercial developments in the City. Commissioner Levy introduced a series of written comments which the ANC adopted subject to further review at the October 12th Special Meeting and by phone approval by the Commissioners. The thrust of these proposals is to increase the parking requirements for all new structures or changes in use which is deemed beneficial for this neighborhood.

Library News

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those wonderful residents in the Foggy Bottom/West End area who contributed to the Library Fund. The Friends of the West End Branch Library are very grateful. We realize that these donations will be put to good use by our librarian, Mr. Horrell. I know he has great plans to use the money to buy books that could not have been purchased otherwise.

A number of the Friends have expressed a desire to work with several prospective civic projects involving the use of the Library. Once plans for those projects have been finalized, we will advise you so that you can join with us if you so desire. One of our ANC Commissioners, also a Friend, is using rooms at the Branch for

meetings of one of his clubs, and we hope in the future to see more of such use from others in the neighborhood.

Our library is very important to us, and we are happy to see that more people are using the facilities, including the meeting rooms. We who care so much about having a neighborhood library realize that only through a greater use and promotion of its facilities can we keep it open. The response that we have seen so far makes us realize that all the hard work undertaken in the past year was well worth the effort. It has truly become a neighborhood institution.

Thank you all, once again, for your support and your kind letters. We certainly will keep working to provide you with those extras that you so desire.

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A BOTTOM BY ANY OTHER NAME WOULD SMELL...

by Karen Jaehne Latham

You're always the last to know. There is discontent in Foggy Bottom. And it is precisely because it is the only geographically depressed neighborhood (literally) of DC. Investigative reporters of this newspaper have discovered a movement afoot to change Foggy Bottomites by changing their name. A burble from the bottom tells us that this prosaic name, this living ethnic epigram in a name is being threatened by the vicissitudes of fashion.

It began, apparently, with the real estate invasion. Newcomers to the area smirked when agents tried to sell them a piece of Foggy Bottom. You must admit, the commercial appeal of a foggy bottom kept the value of the property down. A suggestion was submitted under the door to Hinkley Pottery calling for a name, in memorium, to a real estate tycoon—Fitzgerald's Fen.

Because this was not taken seriously, an intensive discussion among the fashionable folks who frequent the Intrigue's version of Happy Hour, where "Attitude Adjustment Hour" began at 4:30 thinking "Cloudy Moor" would be appropriate. By the time they'd sloshed their last drinks, they went home thinking they lived in "Bleary Bog."

As the name-changers picked up momentum, the more chic and Francophile among them proposed "Fond

brumeux." The Georgetown set retaliated by immediately dubbing us "Fond embruné," and a major linguistic dispute broke out in the French Academy over permitting the New World to expropriate their language. It did show panache...

But then the local Communist Workers Party retaliated, demanding that their heritage, visible only in what lies behind the renovations here, be given its due. All three members demonstrated an unprecedented poetic sensibility with "Sweaty Inferno."

It was well known that, in the Watergate, the name had long ago undergone a sea-change. Watergaters peered across Virginia Avenue, enjoying the landscape of "Obscure Valley," or when racing through in their limousines, referred to "Opaque Trough." Fortunately, no one living in this disadvantaged district had ever been in the Watergate saunas where such swaps occur, and it ended there.

The most feared propositions were coming from the power-mongers in the lowliest regions of the Bottom, the State Department, which the rest of America associates unreservedly with that name. Some GS-16 with a graduate degree in English from a mail-order university sent up a memo requesting a name change to "Nebulous Meadow." Well, word has it that the word-mongers in the Haig-quarters seized upon this as a pivotal issue and proposed

"Qualmirized Haze." Anti-Haig forces were quick to point out that the nominal and adjectival importance had been reversed, and at last count the memos on the subject numbered 732 and "Muddled Mire" was in question.

The mothers of the area, who probably have more to do with bottoms than even the bureaucrats of the State Department, already have given their tots T-shirts with "Soggy Bottom Babies" emblazoned on their chests, and these gangs of shorties can be seen sometimes playing in parking lots. Wagging tongues report that the mothers are offering a prize for the first kid who can hot-wire a car. And that when they become teenagers, they'll form a motorcycle gang called "Bottomed Out."

The need for a name change is obvious, and GW University did its best. Predictably, the combined efforts of their English Department and administration came up with "Uliginous Depth." One of the better-educated Grate People heard of this and grabbed his Roget's. Waving it in the air, he insisted on "Slob Land." (It's there. Check it.) GW Hospital is still tinkering with names, and so far, they've only had time for "Lobotomy," which apparently came from their char force and was originally spelled "La Botomé."

It's hard to guess where this will end. It's not only bottomless; it's unfathomable.

LEGAL EASE

by Dan Haslam, Esq.

Q. I am considering investing in either a condominium or a cooperative apartment in the Foggy Bottom area. My plans call for renting this unit out, and I'd like to know whether I should look at co-ops or condos. Any suggestions?

A. There is no doubt in my mind that for investment purposes in the District of Columbia, the only route for an individual looking for a single unit purchase is the condominium route. First of all, as you end up owning the apartment itself rather than shares in a corporation which entitle you to occupy a certain space, generally the unit is more freely transferable to another should you wish to sell.

More importantly, in a recent ruling by the Rental Housing Commission on the status of cooperatives in D.C. issued on September 21, 1982, the RHC (which is vested with rent control authority in this city) found that a single cooperative unit offered for rent is subject to rent control. This ruling will open up a whole panoply of problems for existing c-op owners and may result in swift action by the City Council. But until the issue is resolved, if you own or buy a

co-op in D.C. and rent it out, you'll be subject to rent control provisions—the same single condo investment, however, is exempt.

Q. Recently I signed a lease with a property management company for a luxury rental in Foggy Bottom. I paid a month's security plus the first month's rent (both later returned) and was given the keys to the apartment. I lived there a week and was horrified to come back one day and find all of my possessions in the hall. I was never given notice of this eviction, nor could I get back in as the lock had been changed! Isn't this illegal?

A. Most definitely. Once the status of landlord and tenant is established—even if very informally, for example where a landlord gives permission for use of a unit—the only legal way to evict a tenant is through the landlord-tenant branch of the D.C. Superior Court. This process is quite swift for landlords, and they can be assured of continued rents during the process by a protective order, i.e. the tenant pays the rent into court, and upon resolution of the dispute, the monies are paid over to the victor.

Whitehurst Freeway

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at alternatives that will meet the standards and goals of DOT and also will be acceptable to the neighborhood, we have formed an ad hoc committee within the neighborhood—Steve Levy, Rick Churchill, Maria Tyler, Robert Brewster, Tom Miller, Lucille Duprat and myself—which meets on an as-needed basis. I might add that I've received a couple of excellent suggestions from Jon Nowick, currently residing in Vienna, Austria, and I am thankful he's still interested in the Freeway. Those of us who live on it don't forget it! I also have reported to the ANC at the monthly meetings on the various alternatives and asked for public comments. DeLeuw Cather will be back on December for another public meeting at Columbia Hospital.

In the months ahead, as the steering committee continues to reduce the available alternatives, I expect our meetings also will continue to be lively, interesting, educational and productive. We can't get rid of the system or block the commuters but, all in all, I believe we can expect to end up with an east-end connection and a "freeway" we can live with.

Bad Mama Jamas with Pac Man Fever who like to Get Physical

TRANSLATION PLEASE! Every Tuesday, Thursday and Friday evening at six o'clock the walls of Immaculate Conception's gymnasium vibrate to the beat of pop, rock, and jazz and the thump of Foggy Bottomites who like to GET PHYSICAL with Jazzercise. What is Jazzercise, you say. It's an escape, it's exciting, it's energizing and it's fun. As a term of art it's an exercise-fitness program that combines dance with an exercise workout and throws in a few whoops and hollers and a lot of enthusiasm. Jazzercise was started by Judi Sheppard Missett 11 years ago and has gained scores of devotees in Foggy Bottom during the past two years.

The guru of Jazzercise, who has been chiefly responsible for its success in Foggy Bottom, is one of our former residents, Kathy Coltellaro. Kathy teaches several classes in the District, including Jazz Dance Classes called DANCIN. Her background in dance includes many years of study in New York, three years as a

Jazzercise instructor, as well as the choreographer for the 1982 Hexagon Show (which had 92 cast members). Kathy has also choreographed some of the cabaret shows around town. Last year, she taught Jazzercise classes at the White House. Working at the White House was something of a homecoming for Kathy as she had worked there during the Nixon, Agnew, Ford years. She also worked for the Bureau Chief at ABC News before becoming a Mommy to Christine 3, and Kevin 2.

To those of us who have become Jazzercise converts, Kathy IS Jazzercise. Her personality and energy keep us swinging our arms and our hips and kicking our legs far beyond the limits we might set for ourselves if we were exercising at home. Yes, for those of you who are wondering, men do go to our classes. So any time you want to get rid of your tensions and give your body a treat, come and become a BAD MAMA JAMA AND GET PHYSICAL right through the LAST DANCE.



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Primal Screen Therapy

by Karen Jaehne Latham

Some of you movie-nuts may have noticed this, but the uninitiated ought to be informed about what the film industry does to their heads at Christmastime. All the serious films are released along with the out-and-out Christmas specials to keep the kids occupied for the three days before the presents are opened! Disney, for example, re-releases one of its oldies-but-mouldies every year—to the delight of grown-ups and despair of space-age kids. This year, it's *Peter Pan*. Its competition will be *Twice Upon a Time*, an animation feature about stealing the spring of the cosmic clock. Guess who will win the Box Office race?

What we're all waiting for is the return of Meryl Streep in *Sophie's Choice*, directed by Alan Pakula (*All the President's Men*). She also will be appearing in *Still of the Night*, directed by Robert Benton who launched her in *Kramer vs. Kramer*. It'll be interesting to see whether she's best as Sophie or as a suspected mur-

deress in the art auction houses of Manhattan.

Those of you who, like the postman, are still ringing for Jessica Lange will be pleased to see *Frances*, the story of Frances Farmer, whose tragic life in Hollywood confirms everything we ever suspected about that decadent place.

The women's films seem to have it this season. *Toy* is abysmally unfunny, between Gleason's hamming and Pryor's antic movements trying to bring action into the picture. *That Championship Season* has Robert Mitchum looking unwieldy as a basketball coach. And the best comedy available is *Best Friends*, where Goldie Hawn mates with Burt Reynolds until marriage destroys their relationship. Dustin Hoffman is both man and woman, but mostly the latter, in *Tootsie*, a movie about the impossibility of finding a job unless you're a woman. It sounds likely; it looks unlikely.

The only movie everyone will want to see—and

should!—is *Gandhi*, an epic about the life of that legendary man of peace. Ben Kingsley has the lead, backed up stars like Candice Bergen, Martin Sheen, Sir John Gielgud, John Mills, Trevor Howard, and on and on must we go...? The time is right, the film a wonderful tribute.

Old movie buffs note the AFI's series "The Complete Tracy-Hepburn Collection," a thorough and thoroughly equal-rights-oriented reminder that in the battle between the sexes, all victories are Pyrrhic.

People on the practicing side of primal screen therapy may enjoy the overtly Freudian films, *Luna* by Bernardo Bertolucci with Jill Clayburgh (Nov. 17-18) and Bergman's *Autumn Sonata* (Dec. 14-16) at the AFI, both of them retaliating against the idea of "working" mothers. Both primal.

Make Christmas merrier at the movies.

The Constitution of New Columbia

By Wesley Long

As you know, throughout the Convention I was a constant advocate for a simple constitution. I won some of those battles and lost some.

Now that the Constitution has been ratified by the voters, the District will apply to Congress for admission as a state. A majority of both houses and the president must agree to gain admission. If the voters do not ratify it, the Convention will reassemble in January and, for the last time, rewrite the document and re-submit it to the voters.

Due to space limitation, I will cover the three branches of government and Finance and Taxation.

Article II: The Legislative Branch

The power of citizens is enhanced by establishing a one-house legislature called the House of Delegates. Two houses are notorious for making accountability extremely difficult. You will know what your delegate is doing because votes on final action will be made public and all sessions are open. You will know your representative better since every one of the 40 delegates will represent only about 16,000 people instead of 80,000 now for each ward councilor.

Delegates are elected for four-year terms so they can concentrate on their jobs and constituents rather than on

constant campaigning as a two-year term would require. Half the House is elected every two years to provide continuity. The House sets its own salary as now; however, a governor's commission reports appropriate salaries to the public.

All laws must wait 90 days before going into effect to allow time for their defeat by referendum. Voters concerned with the responsiveness of government should be pleased with this article.

Article III Executive Branch

The governor and lieutenant governor are the only elected members of the executive branch. Each can serve two consecutive four-year terms. The governor makes all executive branch and initial judicial appointments with the consent of the House. The governor has line item veto in appropriation bills. The executive branch is limited to 20 principal departments. This is a typical strong governor article.

Article IV Judicial Branch

The present judicial structure is carried over except an intermediate court is allowed.

However, there are significant changes in processes: (1) the governor appoints judges to a first term, but then they stand *unopposed* for a reappointment election by the voters. Now, all judges are ap-

pointed by the president and reappointed if highly rated by the Tenure Commission.

The proposed change is based on the general proposition that no branch of the government should be unanswerable to the people. Presently more than half the states elect their judges initially, and two-thirds elect judges at the end of each term. So this constitution has less in the way of elections for judges than most states.

(2) All nine Supreme Court judges are to sit on all cases. Presently, these judges sit in three-judge panels. The reason for the change is that matters of enough importance to come before the Supreme Court should be heard by all nine judges.

Article VII Finance and Taxation

In financial matters the Constitution is a model of fiscal responsibility. It requires the governor to prepare a balanced two-year operating budget. Long-term debt is strictly limited. Short-term debt must be paid off within at most four years.

To prevent the House from obscuring tax measures each law imposing taxes must be in a separate bill which may not contain any other subject. Retail groceries and medicines are tax exempt to prevent placing burdens on necessities.

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Thanks to Bus Ban Contributors

by Maria Tyler

In addition to those who have made contributions previously, the ANC wishes to thank the following neighbors who recently have made financial contributions toward meeting the legal fees we have been forced to incur to keep the bus ban intact without compromise and, thus, protect our rights to public safety and welfare: Irene CARTONES, Dorothy CASCIONI, Deborah DUNNELL, Margaret JEFFRIES, Alexandra KISLA, Jennie LAZOWSKI, Andrea LONDON, Marybeth MARTIN, Mary ORTENZO, Mary PARSONS, Rosa Maria PINO, Henry ROSE, Elizabeth WHARTON.

The following neighbors, who have contributed previously, recently made additional contributions: May AABERG, Hanako FUJI, Robert HART, Paul KENNEDY, Ana LOPEZ, Virginia SANDIFER, Barbara Wolff SEARLE, Geoffrey STAMM, Evelyn REED.

FALL FUN RUN

by Ginny Mulroy

It was 40°!

At 9 o'clock Sunday morning, October 24, 11 hardy runners pushed off from the starting line at Thompson's Boat House into the frosty fall air.

After three miles and in less than 20 minutes, John Fiegel and Peggy Gebhardt crossed the finish line. Following close behind were Ferris Webster and Betty Maticic. Finishing the 5K course in third place were Rocinta Castillo and Craig Hedberg.

The Foggy Bottom Fall Run was sponsored by the 925 25th Street Tenants Association to defray legal expenses.

ANC 10/12/82 Continued 10/23/82

Reconsideration of ANC's position on alley closings: Mr. Buchanan produced copies of deeds indicating that, contrary to the information given at the previous meeting indicating that one of the alleys was private, it was, in fact, public. (See account of 10/12 meeting in this issue) In the course of the meeting, it was shown that while there had been some basis for Mr. Lane's assertion at the 10/12 meeting that the alley was private, the Commissioners felt that consideration of all information available indicated that the alley was indeed public. As a result of this new information, a resolution was passed to oppose the alley closings.

Crime Watch

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In other cases, we have found that residents entering a locked front door will let others follow behind them, without challenging them, even though they do not know the people. Guests of apartment dwellers often go out and allow people to come in. Lately, there has been a new wrinkle: People saying that they are repairmen are coming to the doors asking to be let in and saying that they do not know the apartment number of the person they are going to see. Unwittingly, residents, not knowing that, in most cases, these repairmen have to check with resident managers first, let the repairmen in. As a result there have been several robberies by this method alone.

Let us try to get the number of internal robberies down too. Be conscientious when exiting and entering your buildings. Ask questions if you do not recognize the person at the door, and do not leave back doors open. If you find your neighbor doing it, complain to him or her. After all, you may never get another chance.

What else can you do? First of all, remember the best security system in the world still depends on the care of the individual resident. Thieves know how to work buildings and once they are in a building, they can move freely throughout the building and may never be observed until too late. Report strangers on your floor, particularly those who are wandering aimlessly about or who duck out of sight, to the resident manager or the proper person. If you are accosted at the front door and some one tries to get your handbag, scream if you can, but at the same time don't be a hero if the person has a gun. The thief is often more jittery than you. But do report such occurrences immediately to the police, to the president of the tenants association in your building, and to the resident manager. If you have a back door, don't leave it open while you do your errands. You are only inviting trouble, even in broad daylight, if the door is left unattended. And for all that is holy, do not prop open your front door so that a friend can come in or leave it open unattended. If the front door is unlocked, report it immediately. If you see someone come in that you know does not live there and has been admitted just by following a tenant inside, question the person and tell him or her to use the prescribed method used in your building to contact a tenant or resident.

In the next weeks, I shall be meeting with the 2nd District Citizens Advisory Council on police matters. I plan to hold a

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